



# CULPEPER MINUTES

A Publication of the Culpeper County Board of Supervisors

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This newsletter is a quarterly publication to the citizens of Culpeper County by the Board of Supervisors. It is designed to present and provide information about issues affecting those who live in Culpeper. Over 19,000 copies are distributed, one to each mail address in Town, County, and to each U.S.P.S. Box within the Town and County of Culpeper.

The newsletter is also available online [www.culpepercounty.gov](http://www.culpepercounty.gov)  
Comments and suggestions may be emailed to: [dhoffman@culpepercounty.gov](mailto:dhoffman@culpepercounty.gov)

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## A Message from the Board of Supervisors

Dear Citizens:

The Board would like to wish you a Healthy and Prosperous Year! It is budget time again, and your Supervisors will be fully engaged in the development of the budget. There are certainly many needs that need to be addressed. Of course we will be faced with some difficult choices as we prioritize the projects. Our goal is to provide the highest level of government services while providing adequate funding for our school system. We are ever mindful that the tax burden is placed upon you, our citizens. I know the Board will do its best as we consider your thoughts and recommendations.

The past year was an eventful and successful one. Bond monies have been secured for the County's second high school, and a site plan for the school has been approved by the Planning Commission. The Culpeper Community Complex Sports Facility is essentially complete, and it will open on April 1<sup>st</sup>. In September 2005 a new Comprehensive Plan was adopted. Our list of achievements is long, but our list of things to do is longer. The Board of Supervisors, with your help, wants to make our community the best it can be.

We look forward to the coming year, and we are prepared for the challenges ahead. Please do not hesitate to contact any Board member to express your thoughts and concerns.

For the Board,

John F. Coates, Chairman  
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East Fairfax

Meetings of the Board of Supervisors are held the first Tuesday of each month: at 10 a.m. for general County business and at 7 p.m. for a public forum, planning business and public hearings. Agendas are available prior to the meetings at the Library and on the County website at [www.culpepercounty.gov](http://www.culpepercounty.gov) and minutes are available following the meetings. Video coverage is provided by Channel 21.

### Facts about Your County

**Area:** 381 square miles  
**Population:** estimated 43,928  
**Real Estate Tax:** \$.89 per \$100 assessed value  
(Town residents pay an additional \$.9 per \$100 assessed value)  
**Personal Property Tax:** \$2.50 per \$100 assessed value  
**County maps:** [www.culpepercounty.gov](http://www.culpepercounty.gov) GIS online

### Facts about our Schools

**Current school enrollment:** 6,938  
(7,026 including pre-school)  
**High School** One  
**Middle Schools** Two  
**Elementary Schools** Five

## Office of the Registrar

The **Voter Registration Office** has two new phone numbers. The numbers are **(540) 825-0652** and **(540) 825-0726**. Those desiring to contact the General Registrar are asked to use the new numbers when contacting our office, which remains at 131 West Davis Street, Culpeper, Va.

The 2006 May Election Calendar is in place, providing notice for an election to fill one seat for the office of Mayor and four (4) seats for Town Council. These five positions must be filled this spring. Those wishing to become a candidate for these offices may purchase the forms and the bulletin from the Registrar's office (for a fee of \$10) or download them (without cost) from the State Board's website at [www.sbe.virginia.gov](http://www.sbe.virginia.gov)

Please note the following dates below concerning the May Election:

**March 7, 2006 – Deadline for candidates to file declarations and petitions**

**April 3, 2006 – Last Day to register to vote (Close of Books for Town Election)**

**May 2, 2006 – Election Day for the Town of Culpeper**

The Electoral Board is seeking individuals interested in serving as Officer of Elections or working the polls on election days for the following precincts: Eggbornsville, Brown's Store, and Rixeyville. The resident must be a registered voter and be willing to work within the precinct in which he or she lives. Interested parties are requested to contact the Secretary of the Electoral Board, James Holmes at (540) 825-0652.

## Letters to the Editor

### The generosity of Culpeper

On behalf of the Board and Staff of Culpeper County Department of Human Services, I would like to let everyone know how generous Culpeper has been over the Holiday Season. Through community efforts, Culpeper has served hundreds of families for the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday season of 2005.

I would like to express our appreciation to the members of the Piedmont Virginia Building Industry Association for the contribution of the 133 Thanksgiving and 176 Christmas Dinners from Safeway. The Builders Association continues to exceed their contribution from the previous years.

Many thanks to the National Turkey Wildlife Federation which once again donated frozen turkeys to Culpeper. Twelve needy families were served by their efforts.

The Food Closet at St. Stephen's Church and their many volunteers prepared the Thanksgiving Baskets. Due to Food Closet construction at St. Stephen's, basket pick-up had to be off-site, and Providence Bible Church graciously offered their premises.

With the generosity of all these wonderful organizations, we were again able to help many needy Culpeper families have a great holiday season. A special "thank you" comes from them, and I thank you for all the wonderful turkeys, dinners and time involved in this endeavor.

Becky Phipps  
Culpeper Department of Human Services

**Want to donate a car?  
Culpeper Human Services  
can help.**

**IRS regulations still allow a  
tax deduction for donations of  
vehicles to CHS.**

**Give us your car.  
Get a deduction.  
Help your community.**

**For more information, contact  
Lisa Houck at  
727-1056 ext. 372.**



## Congressman Eric Cantor

### Awards and Programs for Culpeper County

Over the years, there have been countless students and veterans in the Seventh District who have been recognized with various congressional awards and commendations, and

many of them have been residents of Culpeper. This year's awards give us another opportunity of showcase the broad array of talent in our community.

There are four awards programs that recognize talent and public service. Three of them focus on the outstanding accomplishments of students, while another recognizes the bravery and sacrifice of our veterans.

#### **The Congressional Award:**

The Congressional Award recognizes the achievement and public service of America's youth by challenging them to set personal goals in four areas: public service, personal development, physical fitness and expeditions. Anyone, age fourteen to twenty-three, is eligible to participate in the Congressional Award program. For more information, please visit the Congressional Award website at <http://www.congressionalaward.org/congress/>.

#### **The Congressional Art Competition:**

The Seventh District Congressional Art Competition recognizes the artistic achievements of high school students. Each spring, high school students are invited to enter a piece of original artwork into the competition. Each original piece is reviewed by a professional panel of judges. All participants are invited to attend a reception where I announce the winner of the Seventh District Art Competition. The winner's piece is displayed in the United States Capitol for a year with the works of student artists from across the United States. For more information, please visit <http://cantor.house.gov/services/index.htm> or call (800) 438-3793.

#### **Nominations to U.S. Military Service Academies:**

As a member of Congress, I have the honor and responsibility of nominating students from the Seventh District to attend the U.S. military service academies. Students must obtain a congressional nomination in order to complete their applications for entrance into one of the academies. However, pursuing a congressional nomination is only half of the process required to receive an appointment. Students must also notify any academies of their interest and work within the admissions systems of those

academies. All of the academies recommend that potential candidates arrange a time to visit in the upcoming months before seeking a nomination so that they may gain familiarity with the institutions and their programs. For more information, please visit <http://cantor.house.gov/services/index.htm> or call (800) 438-3793.

#### **The Congressional Veteran Commendation:**

The Congressional Veteran Commendation, in conjunction with the Veterans History Project sponsored by the Library of Congress, has been created to honor the distinguished veterans of Virginia's Seventh Congressional District and to preserve their stories for future generations of Americans. To nominate a veteran for the Congressional Veteran Commendation, constituents may complete an application and return it, along with any additional information pertaining to the veteran's service. Veterans who are nominated must be a resident of the Seventh District of Virginia and have served our nation with honor consistent with the finest traditions of military service. Generally, several of the nominees are selected for an in-depth interview, and that interview is forwarded to the Veterans History Project to be added to its collection. Those selected to receive the Congressional Veteran Commendation are honored at a ceremony held around Veterans Day. For more information, please visit <http://cantor.house.gov/features/cvc.htm> or call (800) 438-3793.

My office remains committed to helping you navigate the agencies of the federal government. The areas of activity or inquiry may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- o Social Security
- o Medicare
- o Immigration and Visas
- o Passports
- o Internal Revenue Service
- o Military
- o Veterans Benefits
- o Housing
- o Federal Grants and Loans
- o Education Assistance
- o Washington Tours
- o Flag Requests

For more information, please visit the official Web site: <http://cantor.house.gov>. Please also feel free to contact the Culpeper district office at (540) 825-8960 or (800) 438-3793.

#### **Culpeper County Board of Supervisors**

To contact your Supervisor, you may email: [supervisors@culpepercounty.gov](mailto:supervisors@culpepercounty.gov) or call the County Administration Office at 727-3427, or call directly as follows:

**Chair**  
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East Fairfax District

**The Board meets the 1st Tuesday of each month**  
**10 a.m.**  
**General County Business**

**7 p.m.**  
**Public Forum**  
**Planning Business**  
**Public Hearings**

Agendas are available prior to Board Meetings on the County Website at [www.culpepercounty.gov](http://www.culpepercounty.gov) and in the Culpeper County Library





# Culpeper County Library

The Culpeper County Library offers several Storytimes.

- Walk-in Storytime each Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. and each Friday morning at 10:30 a.m.
- Tuesday morning Storytimes are by registration only. The classes are limited in size and designed for specific age groups. Registration is Tuesday, April 18 for the April 25 - May 23 session. You must register in person. There are three classes for toddlers (2-3 year olds) at 10:30, 11:00, 11:30 and two classes for pre-schoolers (3-5 year olds, go by themselves) at 10:30 and 11:30.



Bad weather? Please call the library at 825-8691 to make sure that we are having Storytime.

## Library's Read to the Dogs!

Early readers may **READ TO A DOG**. Therapy dogs from the Welcome Waggers and Waggin' Hearts groups will be "on paw" Saturday, March 25.

Time 10:30 – 11:30, no registration required.

Saturday, April 29, the dogs will be at the Library as part of *For a Child's Health* from 1:00 – 4:00.



**Don't forget Dial-a-Story at 825-0555. It's free. The stories change each week, so be sure to call often.**

**THE FOLLOWING CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS ARE SPONSORED IN PART BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AND THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY AS A SPECIAL SERIES TO ENCOURAGE BEGINNING READERS.**

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR THESE FUN LEARNING EXPERIENCES.**

## Culpeper County Library

271 Southgate Shopping Center

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540-825-8691



## Culpeper County Library (*continued*)

### TWO SPECIAL SHOWS BY THE GOODLIFE THEATER!

**TUESDAY, MARCH 14**

Husband-wife team Joe Pipik and Jeanne Wall have been performing for more than 25 years at schools, libraries, and major institutions such as the Kennedy Center, Wolf Trap, and the National Theater.

11:00 a.m. **JOE PIPIK AND HIS BACKPACK PUPPETS** is an interactive program especially for toddlers and pre-schoolers. The program incorporates early learning concepts with a portable stage and pre-show sing-a-long.

7:00 p.m. **GRANNY'S APPALACHIAN TALES** is a high-spirited multicultural visit to a colorful, mountainous region of the United States. Actors, puppets of various sizes and live music bring Granny and her neighbors to life, with toe-tapping exuberance and even a sing-a-long. Fun for the whole family.

*Both performances are brought to you as part of a Touring Assistance Grant from the Virginia Commission for the Arts.*



### AUTHOR TO VISIT LIBRARY



Parents are invited to come to the Library Sunday, **March 26** to hear the author Laura M. Justice. Justice, an assistant professor at the University of Virginia's School of Education, is co-author of **Shared Storybook Reading: Building Young Children's Language and Emergent Literacy Skills**. (co-author Helen K. Ezell) Making the most of shared reading is the goal of this practical guide. Step-by-step strategies help any professional engage, respond to, and teach young children during storybook reading - information they can share with parents to continue the learning at home. All of the suggested strategies in *Shared Storybook Reading* can be adapted for use with any storybook, and many are vividly illustrated with reading examples that adults can use to guide their own interactions with children. Filled with ready-to-use ideas, this guidebook has everything professionals need to turn the fun of shared reading into a powerful learning experience. The free program begins at 2 p.m.

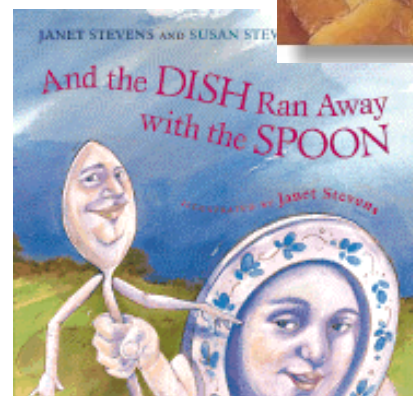
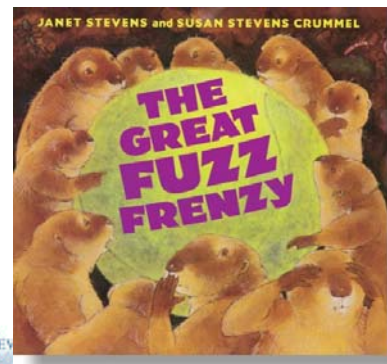
Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing.

Other publications by Justice include *Communication Sciences and Disorders: An Introduction* and *Scaffolding with Storybooks: A Guide for Enhancing Young Children's Language and Literacy Achievement*.

### POPULAR CHILDREN'S AUTHOR SUSAN STEVENS CRUMMEL TO VISIT THE CULPEPER COUNTY LIBRARY TUESDAY, APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>



Crummel, with her sister and noted illustrator Janet Stevens, have co-authored numerous books for children, including *Cook-a-Doodle-Do!*, winner of the 2001 Texas Bluebonnet Award, as well as *And the Dish Ran Away with the Spoon*, winner of the 2004 California Young Reader Medal. In her most recent book *The Great Fuzz Frenzy*, Crummel illustrates what happens when a tennis ball lands in a prairie dog town. The book received a starred review from the *School Library Journal*.



Other books by her include *Plaidypus Lost*, *My Big Dog*, and Easy Reader titles *Shoe-Town* and *Tumbleweed Stew*. If you would like to read more about Crummel, visit her web site at <http://www.susanstevenscrummel.com/>.

**Mark the Date! Tuesday, April 18, 2006 at 3:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.**

**This is a free program; no registration required.**

Copies of her books will be available for purchase and signing.





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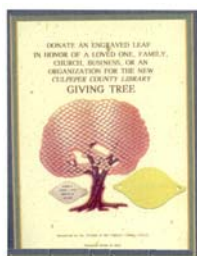


### The 8th Annual “For A Child’s Health”

will be held inside and outside the Library on Saturday, **April 29** from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. For the kids: there are free healthy snacks, give-aways, ambulances, fire trucks, the Crime Scene Dogs, petting zoo, papermaking booth, face painting and a special landing of the Air Care medi-vac helicopter. For the parents: many family focused agencies will be present to display their resources and answer questions about daycare, dental care, health care and more.

## Friends

### Need a great gift idea for that person who has everything?



Support the library by sponsoring a leaf on the Giving Tree located in the Meeting Room.

Your tax deductible gift is a great way to honor a special friend or family member.

Each leaf has space for a four line inscription of your choice.

Applications are available at the Circulation Desk.

New leaves will be dedicated at the Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Library.

### FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOKSTORE HOURS:

**Monday: 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

**Tuesday: 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

**Thursday: 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

**Saturday: 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**



**Location: In the Culpeper County Library, at the back, next to the computer room.**

The Friends of the Library Book Store is a great place to find good reading for yourself and your family for those cold, windy, snowy days at home. We have a wide selection of books, from the latest fiction to the old classics, and from biographies to the sciences, with a little of all in between. Our prices range from free for a small number of items, to a few dollars for the really new books and collectors' editions.

Visit the bookshelf near the entrance to the library even when the Book Store is closed. There are specially priced newer books, hardback non-fiction, hardback fiction, paperbacks, and a selection of children's and juvenile books. These may be purchased through the Circulation Desk any time the library is open. Also available at the Circulation Desk are our large, super sturdy book bags for only \$6.00 each. Fill one up with your great Book Store finds!

**The volunteers of the Culpeper County Library Book Store thank you for your support.**

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### *Pansy Sale - Saturday, March 25*

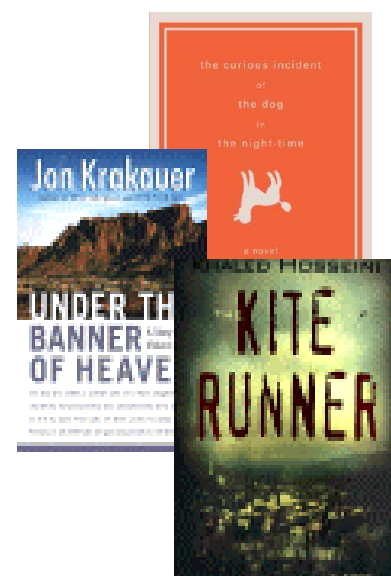
*Tired of winter? Get ready for spring with the Friends Annual Pansy Sale March 25 starting at 9:00 a.m. until the pansies are sold (usually around 11:00). We often have begonias, calendula's and of course lots of pansies. We'll post prices and plant varieties as the date draws near. So kick those winter time blues and help out the library at the same time.*

## THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

The Friends of the Library's **THIRD THURSDAY BOOK CLUB** will meet at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. on the following dates:

- **March 16** "Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night" by Mark Haddon (this book is a Whitbread Award winner).
- **April 20** "Under the Banner of Heaven" by Jon Krakauer (nonfiction bestseller)
- **May 18** "The Kite Runner" by Khaled Hosseini (bestseller novel)

These books are available at the Library Circulation Desk or for purchase, at a discount, at The Corner Shelf bookstore. Read these books, and then join us for a lively discussion--you are always welcome!



### *Goodies for Grown-ups*

February 8 - April 3



### *Read, Eat & Be Merry!*

There's still time left to read a good book and get a chance to win some good prizes. The adult reading program sponsored by Friends of the Culpeper County Library will continue through April 3. This year's theme is "Goodies for Grownups: Read, Eat & Be Merry!" For every book read, participants will receive a chance to enter a drawing for gift certificates to local restaurants: \$60 gift certificate to **It's About Thyme**; \$40 gift certificate to **Thai Culpeper**; \$40 gift certificate to **The Clearwater Grill**; combination of \$25 gift certificate to **Radishes & Roses** along with a \$15 gift certificate to **The Corner Shelf**; combination of \$15 gift certificate to the **Cameron Street Coffee House** along with \$15 to **The Corner Shelf**; and a combination of \$15 to **Tea, Lace & Roses** along with a \$15 gift certificate to **The Corner Shelf**. Stop by the library today to get your chance for "good eats" and to pick up some definitely good reads!

Join us for **An Afternoon of Classical Guitar** with Carl Berger. Carl is a 3<sup>rd</sup> year student at the Manhattan School of Music and a native Virginian. **Sunday, April 2 from 2:00-3:00 p.m.**



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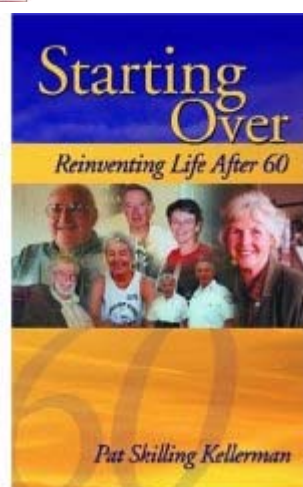
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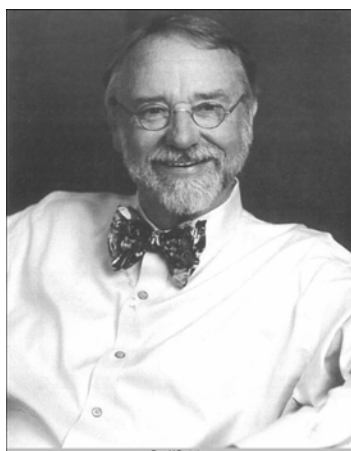
### Starting Over: Reinventing Life after 60

On Sunday, March 12 at 2:00 p.m., the Library and Friends will host Pat Kellerman, author of *Starting Over: Reinventing Life after 60*. When Pat decided she was ready to retire from AARP after 30 years as a trainer, consultant and coach, she realized that she didn't know what she would be retiring to. So she set out on a cross-country journey interviewing a variety of men and women about the ways they handled this landmark life transition. Her resulting book is the compilation of these perspectives. Pat will discuss her book and the wisdom she gleaned from these interviews. If you are going to retire in the next few years, or if you retired in past few years, then this session will help you determine just what it is you are going to do with the rest of your life.

Copies of her books will be available for purchase and signing

### Prose & Poetry Night *for teens and adults*

On Wednesday, April 26, from 7:00-8:00 p.m., please join us at the library for our first ever **Prose & Poetry Night**. Teens and adults are invited to read original poems or short prose excerpts or those by a favorite author. You may also come just to listen. Refreshments will be served. Please call the library to register.



### Storytelling for Grownups: Donald Davis

The Friends of Culpeper County Library are pleased to present a unique opportunity to hear one of the best storytellers in the world. **Donald Davis**, internationally renowned storyteller, will be performing at the library on Wednesday, May 24 at 1:00 p.m. Mr. Davis has been a featured teller at the Smithsonian Institution, the World's Fair, and numerous festivals and concerts throughout the United States and the world. He has been a guest host for the National Public Radio program "Good Evening." He has published many books and has produced a variety of audio recordings. He graduated from Davidson College and went on to earn a degree from the Duke University Divinity School. Before becoming a professional storyteller and author, he was a Methodist minister. Mr. Davis grew up in the Southern Appalachian mountains of North Carolina. He and his wife now reside in the Outer Banks of North Carolina on Ocracoke Island. They have four sons. This program is FREE and will last about an hour. For more information about Donald Davis, you may visit his Web site at <http://www.ddavisstoryteller.com>.

### **National Volunteer Week is April 23 - 29**

Did you know: since the Library opened in March 1998 volunteers have generously given us over 33,000 hours, that all of our books and other items (over 352,000 last year) are re-shelved by volunteers. Volunteers are priceless to us. Volunteers free staff up to complete other projects, help in the computer room, at the Circulation Desk, with children's Storytimes and of course with the Summer Reading Program. If you have some extra time on your hands stop in and see us and fill out a volunteer form.

*The Library would like to remind you that we have Wi-Fi or wireless Internet service for the public. Anyone with a wireless connection to their laptop or PDA may use the service. The library has had a T-1 since we opened in 1998. Printers will be available soon for Wi-Fi.*



### **National Library Week is April 2 - 8.**

**Come into the library for your free gift! Sponsored by the Friends of the Culpeper County Library.**

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**KID CENTRAL**

1401 Old Fredericksburg Rd.  
Culpeper, VA. 22701

**(540) 829-2124**

[www.kidcentralculpeperva.com](http://www.kidcentralculpeperva.com)

**Director**

**Dorenda Pullen**

**Before School Sites:**

**(6:30am-8:00am)**

**\*Emerald Hill**

**\*Farmington**

**\*Pearl Sample(& A.G.R. Students)**

**\*Sycamore Park**

**After-School Sites:**

**(School Dismissal  
until 6:30pm)**

**\*A.G. Richardson**

**\*Emerald Hill**

**\*Farmington**

**\*Pearl Sample**

**\*Sycamore Park**

# SPRING FUN

## NEWSLETTER

March 2006 by Susan Hensley

### "What's Been Going On?"

**It Seems Like Only Yesterday...**

This has been an exciting Winter with our new Theme Books to read and adding crafts and games to enhance each book. Having Ms. Rebecca join Kid Central After School to add Spanish Club has been fantastic! Sports Teams have had such a terrific team spirit all season playing kick ball, flag football and basketball. Maybe the very best of the winter has been all the new friends we have made by participating in the After School activities.

**A Special Congratulations to the Champions of Flag Football:**

Grades 4th-6th Sycamore Park's Team and  
Grades 2nd-3rd Farmington.

The Pizza Party Celebration made winners out of all the children.

The "All Day" Child Care Days held at Sycamore Park Elementary School (6:30am-6:30pm), during holidays and teacher workdays, have given us time to enjoy some very special events: Visits to Dominion Skating Center, Culpeper Movie Theater, Funland and Chuck-E Cheese, to name a few.

### "LOOKING AHEAD"

**Spring is quickly approaching.** There is so much fun ahead and our theme class books just keep getting better and better, providing crafts, games and fun activities, during the After School Day Care Program at each of the Elementary Schools in Culpeper. During March we will read "Shiloh" and talk about beagles and other pets; April we will read the Adventures of "Treasure Island"; May "Jumanji" and June "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea". All these wonderful stories will prepare us for what is in store during the KID CENTRAL Summer Day Camp adventures.



New Friends  
are waiting to  
meet you!

**KID CENTRAL**

## "Pirates of the Four C's"

### Summer Day Camp

**Registration Opens April 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Set Sail June 12th-August 18th**



## News from Culpeper County Public Schools

Marla McKenna-Public Information Officer  
450 Radio Lane, Culpeper, VA 22701  
(540) 825-3677 x 3120

### Superintendent names Ramona Starr Rowe new human resources director

Superintendent David A. Cox is pleased to announce the appointment of Ramona Starr Rowe as Director of Human Resources for Culpeper County Public Schools.

Ms. Rowe, who goes by "Starr," was selected from a field of about 25 applicants. She replaces Mary Grist who retired at the end of December after working for CCPS since 1986. Ms. Grist served as HR director for two and one-half years.



Ms. Rowe last served as the Director of Human Resources for Pulaski County Public Schools, a position she held for six years. Prior to her job as HR department head, Ms. Rowe worked as an elementary/primary school principal in Pulaski and Wytheville, Va. She began her career in education as a kindergarten teacher in 1977.

"I'm really looking forward to working with Starr again," said Dr. Cox, who worked with Ms. Rowe when he served as superintendent in Pulaski. "Not only is she a certified human resources professional, but she's also a licensed educator and has a deep understanding of the unique challenges facing HR departments in school divisions. "I have a lot of confidence in her abilities."

Ms. Rowe holds a master's degree in Administration and Supervision from Radford University and a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education, again from Radford. She is also certified by the Society for Human Resources Management.

She began work on Monday, Jan. 2.

In her free time, Ms. Rowe enjoys reading, computers and spending time with her family. She also loves spending time in the outdoors, including walking, camping and boating.

### Academic-Year Governor's School to open in August

Culpeper County has joined forces with seven other localities to develop and launch Virginia's newest academic-year governor's school – Mountain Vista Governor's School. The Virginia Department of Education on Jan. 11 gave the new school its stamp of approval.

The school, which offers a rigorous math, science and technology curriculum, will serve students from Culpeper, Clarke, Fauquier, Frederick, Rappahannock and Warren counties and Winchester City. Mountain Vista is scheduled to open in August 2006.

The Virginia Governor's School Program began in 1973 when Gov. Linwood Holton established three summer residential programs to serve 400 gifted high school students from across the Commonwealth. There are three types of Governor's Schools – Summer Residential, Summer Regional and Academic Year.

Mountain Vista will become Virginia's 18<sup>th</sup> Academic Year Governor's

School, serving a region that previously did not have access to this type of accelerated program.

Students from Culpeper, Fauquier and Rappahannock counties will attend morning classes on the Fauquier campus of Lord Fairfax Community College (near Warrenton, off Rt. 29 N). They will then return to their home high schools for the afternoon.

Culpeper County will have 15 available slots for current 10<sup>th</sup>- and 11<sup>th</sup>- graders during the first year of the school's operation. The projected enrollment for the 2006-07 school year is 115 students in grades 11 and 12. The plan includes adding 10<sup>th</sup> grade in 2007-08 and 9<sup>th</sup> grade in 2008-09.

The program provides the opportunity to earn 20 hours of college credit through dual enrollment and also affords students the choice of participating in Advanced Placement exams.

For more information about Mountain Vista Governor's School, please contact Lynne Richardson, Gifted Program Coordinator for CCPS, at 825-4140, ext. 4510. General information about Governor's School programs can be found at <http://www.pen.k12.va.us/VDOE/Instruction/Govschools/>.

### New materials distribution policy

The school board on Dec. 12 approved a policy altering its method of distributing materials from outside agencies and individuals. In lieu of posting and handing out flyers in the schools, the school division's community newsletter "The CCPS Parent Connection" will serve as the method for distributing that information.

As before, requests must still be approved through the office of the schools' executive director of administrative services (825-3677, ext. 3141). Documents of 100 words or less are due by the 15th of each month and may be e-mailed to [vrichard@culpeperschools.org](mailto:vrichard@culpeperschools.org).

Denied material will be returned to the requesting party.

### Parent-Teacher Resource Center serves community

The Parent-Teacher Resource Center is an information center for Culpeper County families and others concerned with the education and care of children with disabilities. The center offers a lending library of books, periodicals, and videos on a wide variety of topics for both families and school staff. It also maintains lists of available tutors and provides homework assistance.

Mandy Brown, former English teacher at CCHS and special education teacher at Emerald Hill Elementary School, serves as the center's coordinator. Molly Musso is the new parent coordinator.

The center is located at A.G. Richardson Elementary School at 18370 Simms Drive and operates on the following schedule: Monday: 8 a.m. to noon; Tuesday and Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Parents and staff members are welcome to call or visit the center during operating hours to obtain information about disabilities, the special education process, students' and parents' rights and responsibilities under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act and community support and advocacy services.

Ms. Brown and Ms. Musso may be reached by telephone at (540) 825-0616, ext. 3810. Messages left when the center is closed will be returned during operating hours.

**Culpeper County Schools 825-3677**



## Career Partners, Inc. Connecting Business with Education

### Attention 9<sup>th</sup> Graders – Career Academy Applications Due March 15th

The CCHS Career Academy is currently accepting applications for the 2006-2007 school year. The Career Academy, which is the **cornerstone program of Career Partners, Inc.**, is a **fun and exciting** program geared towards students who want to get a jump start on their future. The Career Academy is **for all students**, regardless of whether they plan to go to a university or college, plan to enter directly into the workforce, or don't have a plan beyond graduation from high school. Students will meet high academic standards within a smaller learning community and become life-long learners able to make informed career choices. They will be prepared for college, the workforce or military service.

The Career Academy is a **nationally recognized** program that equips students to **compete in today's high-tech, global economy** by integrating school and community to connect business with education. Career Academy integrates workplace competencies and career education with core academic subjects. It is organized around career clusters and operated as a business-education partnership. Academic rigor and work-site internships prepare students for the job market and provide lifelong learning skills which can be applied in higher education.

At Culpeper County High School, the Career Academy is a school-within-a-school program for grades ten through twelve. Under this umbrella plan, academies are formed around core subjects, allowing students to apply theory and concepts in the real world. The work-site team projects, internships and apprenticeships help prepare students for career choices. Each core academy offers leadership development, mentors from business and industry, internships and apprenticeships, and the opportunity to earn college credits and industry/technical certifications.

Career Academy focuses each month on a different theme valued by today's global workforce, including:

- character and ethics
- teamwork and time management
- civic responsibility and volunteer service
- critical thinking, problem solving, decision-making and innovation
- communication

These are followed by career exploration/planning and readiness skills, and entrepreneurial skills. Students will have projects, participate in field trips and hear guest speakers.

Career Academy students begin in 10th grade with general exploration and in spring select the career focus for their 11th and 12th grade experience, presently from: engineering and technology, health and human services or business, marketing and finance. Students in 11th grade move to application and theory and in 12th grade to assimilation and integration.

For application or more information, please contact Ms. Randi Richards-Lutz or Ms. Jodi Place at Culpeper County High School (825-8310) or visit [www.cpi-va.com](http://www.cpi-va.com) and [www.talenthound.com](http://www.talenthound.com)

**The deadline for applications is March 15th.**



**To learn more go to our website at [www.cpi-va.com](http://www.cpi-va.com) or  
Contact us at (540)727-7792; or E-mail us at [mstay@cpi-va.com](mailto:mstay@cpi-va.com).**

**REGIONAL ADULT EDUCATION**  
**PLANNING DISTRICT #9**  
**CULPEPER, MADISON, ORANGE & RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTIES**

Many adults who did not complete a high school program of instruction have continued to learn through a variety of experience encountered in everyday life. The purpose of the GED Testing Program is to provide an opportunity for these individuals to have the learning acquired from such educational experiences evaluated and recognized. The GED Tests make it possible for qualified individuals to earn a high school credential, thus providing opportunities for hundreds of thousands of adults to:

- Pursue higher education
- Obtain jobs or job promotions
- Achieve personal goals

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The Tests of General Education Development (GED Tests) are internationally recognized. They have been designed to measure major academic skills and knowledge in core content areas that are learned during four years of high school. When an adult passes the 7 ½ hour GED Tests battery, the resulting GED credential certifies that he or she has attained subject matter knowledge and skills associated with high school completion. The GED Tests battery includes the following subject area tests:

- Language Arts, Writing
- Social Studies
- Science
- Language Arts, Reading
- Mathematics

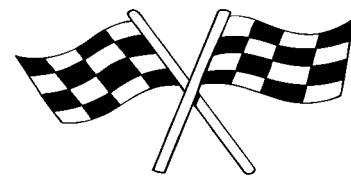
The GED Tests are offered in English and Spanish editions.

**The Carver Center for Applied Learning**  
**GED Testing Schedule**  
**Denise S. Vogt, Chief Examiner**

**GED Schedule for 2006**

March 17 & 18  
April 7 & 8  
May 12 & 13  
June 23 & 24  
July 21 & 22  
August 11 & 12  
September 15 & 16  
October 20 & 21  
November 24 & 25  
December 15 & 16

The Carver Center for Applied Learning is open to take your GED application  
Monday – Thursday 8:30 A.M. – 3:30 P.M. and Friday 8:30 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.  
Additionally, we are open late on Monday and Thursday evening until 8:00 P.M.



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Register for Adult Classes in your area for GED Preparation, or work on your reading, writing and math skills. Call for information.

Carver Center GED – 9:00 AM – 11:30 Noon/Tues. & Thurs.  
Carver-Piedmont School, 9432 James Madison Hwy., Rapidan, VA.

Culpeper GED – 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM/Tues. & Thurs./Culpeper Literacy  
Council, 415 S. Main Street, Suite 204, Culpeper, VA

Culpeper Literacy Council GED – 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM/Mon. & Wed.  
415 S. Main Street, Suite 204, Culpeper, VA

Culpeper/Rappahannock ESOL – English As A Second Language  
6:30 PM – 9:00 PM/Tues. & Thurs./Culpeper Career Resource Center  
219 E. Davis Street, Culpeper, VA & Culpeper Depot, 113 S. Commerce St.  
Culpeper, VA

Morning ESOL – 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM/Mon.  
Virginia Community Bank, 701 South Main St., Culpeper, VA

Regional TFL – 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM/Mon. & Thurs.  
Carver-Piedmont School, 9432 James Madison Hwy., Rapidan, VA

Literacy Council of Madison GED – 9:30 AM – 12:00 Noon/Tues. & Thurs.  
Madison Literacy Council, Thrift Rd. Old School Board Bldg., Madison, VA

Madison GED – 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM/Tues. & Thurs.  
Madison Literacy Council, Thrift Rd. Old School Board Bldg., Madison, VA

Gordonsville GED – 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM/Mon. & Wed.  
Gordon-Barbour Elem. Library, 500 W. Baker St., Gordonsville, VA

Orange GED – 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM/Tues. & Thurs.  
Orange County High School, Room #136, 201 Selma Rd., Orange, VA

Rappahannock GED – 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM/Mon. & Thurs.  
Rappahannock High School, Washington, VA



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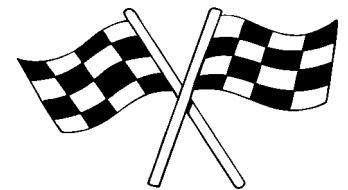
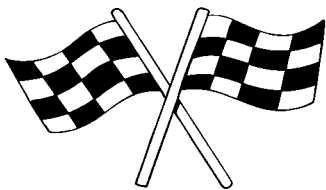
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REGIONAL ADULT EDUCATION (continued)

**REGIONAL ADULT EDUCATION**  
George Washington Carver - Piedmont Education Center  
9432 James Madison Hwy, Rapidan, VA 22733  
Telephone (540) 825-0476

SPRING 2006 CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHEDULE

CLASS	DAY/SITE	BEG.-END	SESSIONS	TIME	FEE
Beginning Astronomy	TBA/C	TBA	1	8:00 P.M.	FREE
Computers for Seniors	T/C	3/14-4/11	5	6:00-8:00 PM	\$80.00
Computers for Seniors	T/C	4/25-5/23	5	5:00-7:00 PM	\$80.00
Internet I	T/C	3/14-4/11	5	5:00-7:00 PM	\$80.00
Internet I	M/C	4/24-5/22	5	5:00-7:00 PM	\$80.00
Internet II	M/C	4/24-5/22	5	7:00-9:00 PM	\$80.00
Introduction to Computers	M/C	3/13-4/10	5	5:00-7:00 PM	\$80.00
Introduction to Computers	W/C	4/26-5/24	5	6:00-8:00 PM	\$80.00
MS Excel I	TH/C	3/16-4/13	5	7:00-9:00 PM	\$80.00
MS Excel I	T/C	4/25-5/23	5	5:00-7:00 PM	\$80.00
MS Excel II	T/C	4/25-5/23	5	7:00-9:00 PM	\$80.00
MS Word I	TH/C	3/16-4/13	5	5:00-7:00 PM	\$80.00
MS Word I	TH/C	4/27-5/25	5	5:00-7:00 PM	\$80.00
MS Word II	TH/C	4/27-5/25	5	7:00-9:00 PM	\$80.00
Windows	W/C	3/15-4/12	5	7:00-9:00 PM	\$80.00
Windows	T/C	4/25-5/23	5	7:00-9:00 PM	\$80.00

CODE: GWC-PEC - C

TUITION REQUIRED IN ADVANCE

Detach and return with payment to:  
Make check and money order payable to:  
**Orange County School Board**

Office of Continuing Education,  
George Washington Carver – Piedmont Education Center,  
9432 James Madison Hwy., Rapidan, VA 22733.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Name City/State Zip Code

Daytime Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Please enroll me in the following classes:

Class Name	Day (Circle One)	Time	Cost
	Mon./Tues./Wed./Thurs.		
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Method of Payment: M.O. \_\_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_